

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of July 21, 2005, in which the Examiner (1) objected to claims 13 and 18 because of certain informalities, (2) rejected claims 2, 6, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,785,252 ("**Zimmerman**"), (3) rejected claims 3, 7, 11-12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Zimmerman** in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,707 ("**Hodzic**"), and (4) rejected claims 4, 8, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Zimmerman** in view of **Hodzic** as applied to claim 11 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,667 ("**Chien**").

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner during a telephone conversation with the undersigned on August 18, 2005.

Applicants' initiated such telephone conversation in light of the Examiner's allowance of independent claim 18, and the reasons stated by the Examiner for such allowance, namely, the recitation of both PRP and non-PRP modes. Applicants' attorney queried whether adding a recitation of PRP and non-PRP modes would also make independent claims 9, 10 and 11 allowable.

Applicants' understanding of the Examiner's position is that claim 11 (and its dependent claims) would be allowable with the recitation of PRP and non-PRP modes, but not claims 9 and 10 because of the need for further searching. The purpose of the present Amendment is to put claim 11 in condition for allowance, pursuant to that understanding of the conversation with the Examiner. If Applicants have misunderstood the Examiner's comments, it is respectfully requested that a telephone call be made to Applicants' attorney at 303-571-4000, in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

Accordingly, by the present Amendment Applicants propose to cancel claims 2-10, and to amend claim 11 (and thereby including recitation of both the PRP and non-PRP modes in claim 11). Such changes to claim 11 are believed to place all of the proposed pending claims (claims 11-18) in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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